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FOR: ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC PHOTORECEPTOR, AND IMAGE

FORMING METHOD AND APPARATUS

USING THE PHOTORECEPTOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated October 14, 2004, the period for response having been extended to February 14, 2005, by a Request for an Extension of Time filed herewith, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 26 and 27. Further, Applicants elect, with traverse, (1) an inorganic filler, more specifically alumina; and (2) a polymer, oligomer or a copolymer having a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton and at least one carboxyl group, more specifically styrene-acrylic resin. Claims 1-50 read on the elected species.